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- [ X ] 14 pages of specification;  
8 pages of claims including claims 1-55; and  
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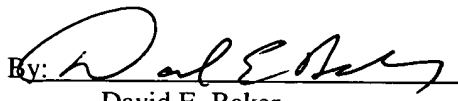
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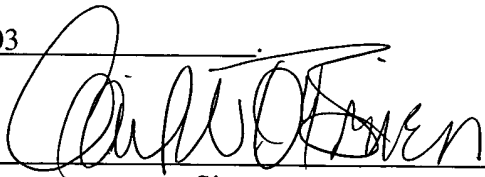
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